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Re: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service
Docket No. 00-00523

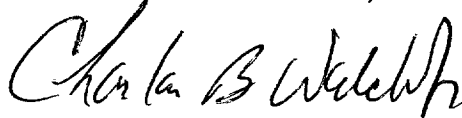
Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original plus thirteen (13) copies of the Proposed Issues Submitted on Behalf of the Rural Independent Coalition in the referenced docket. Copies are being served on parties of record.

If you have any questions or concerns with regard to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

**Before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority
Nashville, Tennessee**

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET ADDRESSING
RURAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

DOCKET NO. 00-00523

**PROPOSED ISSUES SUBMITTED ON BEHALF
OF THE RURAL INDEPENDENT COALITION**

The Rural Independent Coalition (hereinafter referred to as the "Coalition") respectfully submit the following list of issues in response to the invitation of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (hereinafter referred to as "TRA") in its Notice of Status Conference dated October 19, 2000.

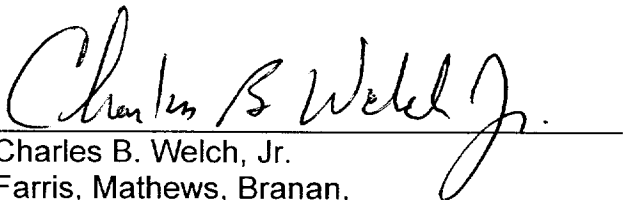
1. Expedited consideration of TRA action required in the interim to provide continued stability for the ongoing provision of universal service in light of BellSouth's unilateral purported cancellation of connecting carrier arrangements for the provision of intraLATA toll originating and terminating in the Independent service areas.

2. The adoption of the state universal service fund and rate redesign plan proposed by the Rural Independent Coalition.

Respectfully submitted,

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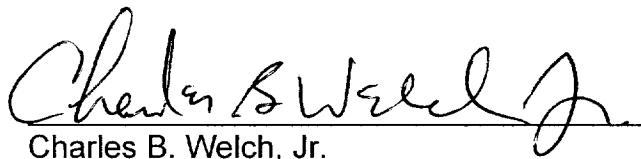
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